OLD ENGLAND.

By ARGUS CENTOCULI, *Inſpector-General of* Great-Britain.

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To the AUTHOR, *&c.*

Sperne voluptates, nocet empta dolore voluptas. HOR.

SIR,

IT was when there was no King in *Iſrael*, that a great deal of Noiſe was made in relation to a new Scene of Vice, which had been imported among the People from the Abominations of *Ægypt*, under the Countenance of the Elders of the Land.—The execrable Varieties of Luxury and Extravagance which have for ſome Years prevailed among us of our Invention under the Refinement and Direction of a late foreign *Leander*, were not ſufficient to gratify our Avarice of vicious Pleaſures, but we muſt copy out thoſe of Foreigners, and deal from the Iniquities of *Venice* to corrupt our Palates: Country as much branded for Effeminacy, luxurious Riots, and abominable Revels in this Age as ever *Cyprus* was fabled of old in the Stories of the Poets. The Stigma of Degeneracy and ſuperlative Pride and Idleneſs have, by the common Conſent of all Nations, been laid upon that Country; inſomuch, that the Youth of Rank and Diſtinction, inſtead of addicting themſelves to Arms and Literature, or any other commendable Qualification, conſume their Days in ſlothful Pleaſures and ſcandalous Debaucheries. Theſe are the People which we are become fond to imitate, under the profligate Influence of the Great at C*t! Glutted with all the inordinate Gratifications of Pleaſures common to this Iſland, we grow delicate in Vice, and adapt all the Dainties of Debauchery from abroad: A Venetian Ball, forſooth! muſt be introduced to corrupt the few remaining Sparks of Virtue that are yet left among us. It muſt be uſher'd in with a pompous Preparation to engage the general Attention. Our Fribbles muſt puff it, our Women of Quality ecchо it at their Card-Parties, 'till it becomes the general Talk, and fires every profligate Imagination with Impatience to ſee this Rareeſhow of *Venice!* this unmeaning Medley and Hotch-potch of Vice, Inconſiſtence and Nonſenſe!

It is however much for the Honor of the Nation in general, that this vitiated Taſte of foreign Pleaſures is only reliſhed by the moſt ſhameleſs among both Sexes in the upper Gradations of Life. The middling Gentry and Commonalty, from the firſt Claſs of Commerce down to the Handicraftſmen, declared their Deteſtation of it; inſomuch, that it was apprehended the Public would have riſen to interrupt the Progreſs of this new Nurſery of Vice. This had ſuch an Influence upon the Minds of all thoſe who had any Remains of Virtue, or the leaſt Senſe of Shame, left, that they declined mixing in the Abominations of the Abandoned, who, on the other Side, perſiſted obſtinately in their Folly, and menaced us with the military Aid to ſupport them in it.

The Queen of *Charles* I. was for debauching our national Manners, by introducing the Luxuries of the Court ſhe came from among us. She appointed a Maſque at the Banqueting-houſe at *Whitehall*, and that too of a *Sunday*. The Deteſtation of Diſguiſe, natural to a free-born *Briton*, and the Prophanation of the Lord's Day, ſo commendably and decently obſerved among us, rous'd the Indignation of the Public againſt this irreligious Novelty of the Court, ſo as to cauſe an Inſurrection at *Whitehall*, which was oppoſed by the Guards, for as to Standing-Armies our Conſtitution was *then* wholly unacquainted with them. A Scuffle enſued, and about half a dozen of the People were killed of one Side, and two or three of the Guards of the other. This gave a general Diſtaſte to the Court, and helped to ſwell the Aggravations of Diſguſt. It would be a melancholy Conſideration, if ever the Court-Practices of thoſe Days ſhould return under Countenance of miniſterial Devices, ſet on foot and obtruded upon the People, to divert their Attention from the Care of their Liberties.

The Magiſtracy of *Middleſex*, obſerving the daring Inſults of the Lovers of foreign Revels and Diſorders, in their Boaſts of Protection from the *military* Power of one Side, and the Virtue of the People in their Deteſtation of them on the other, very prudently took Cognizance of the Affair, convened in their Seſſions, and declared, "Such a "Meeting, as it tended to the Encouragement of Gaming, "Lewdneſs and all Manner of Debauchery, and the Cor"ruption of the Morals of both Sexes, was unlawful, and "a public Nuiſance; and therefore the Court was deter"mined to puniſh and ſuppreſs the ſame, to the utmoſt of "their Power," &c. And yet, notwithſtanding a Declaration ſo ſolemn and ſo truly worthy of the Bench, the *Revellers* went on with their avowed Deſign, and had not the Proprietors of the Place of Reception been a little wiſer than they, in conveying away the Gaming-Tables, and other Implements of Fraud, beyond Recall, we ſhould have ſeen not only Virtue trampled under foot, but the Laws of the Land and the Magiſtrates and Civil Power ſet at open Defiance, under the Protection of the Military; for ſome military Men were there, and under Arms too, and for what Purpoſe? Not to guard a legal Aſſembly 'tis plain; for neither a legal or a virtuous Aſſembly need their Aſſiſtance, and were Aſſiſtance wanted, it is not from them. The Civil Power can ſupport itſelf, and theſe Carriers of Arms are become now at home every Bit as uſeleſs to their Country, as they have been lately abroad. It is humbly ſubmitted to the Magiſtracy, whether an Enquiry may not be proper into the Cauſe and Motive of thus proſtituting the Honor of the military Power to attend the Motions of Riot and Miſrule; and by what Authority they were placed there under Arms, after the Publication of the Order of the Bench of Magiſtracy.

I will not enter into a regular Diſcuſſion of the Iniquity and ill Conſequences of *Maſquerades* and ſuch diſguiſ'd Aſſemblies, but only beg Leave to aſſert (and thereby waken the Attention of every generous Mind) they are ſo far from conducing in the leaſt Degree to promote any one thing good and laudable, that, on the contrary, they are the Traps and Engines of the Power of Darkneſs to draw in unwary Minds into Perdition. The Diſguiſe proves beyond Contradiction, they are founded in Immorality and Wickedneſs, Receptacles of Vice and Conveniencies of Sin. There is in Nature a powerful Incentive and Propenſion to Sin and Vice, which would more frequently break out into Action, were it not for a Senſe of Shame and Honor. Theſe Maſques ſeem to be calculated to take off that Reſtriction, and cover the Sinner from Detection. Opportunity inflames the Minds of the one Sex, and Importunity and Security from Detection are often too powerful to be reſiſted by the other. Would any Man in his Senſes truſt his Honour to the Conduct of a Wife that frequents ſuch Places, or expoſe his Daughter to ſuch Temptations? Whoever would keep his Wife unſuſpected and his Daughter untainted muſt keep them in the public Eye, and reſtrain them from the Convenience of Privacy and the Revels of *Comus*.

Pity it is, that a Liſt of the Names of the Perſons who have honoured the Rites of *Venus* and of *Bacchus* with their Devotion in the late *Venetian* Worſhip, can't be had, in order to diſperſe thro' the Nation, and mark out to public Notice the *Worſhippers* there, and in Honor of the Abſentees. What a ſenſible Pleaſure muſt it give all honeſt *Britons*, that HE, whoſe Virtues have rendered him ſo amiable in their Eyes by every good Office of Humanity and Goodneſs within the *little Extent* of Power he is entruſted with;—I ſay, how great muſt their Satisfaction be, to miſs the *darling Name* in the guilty Roll? To find the Voice of the People ſo much regarded, the Laws of the Land ſo eſteemed, and the Sentiments of the Magiſtracy ſo reſpected, by him, that He was NOT there nor any of his Family or his Houſe? Excellent Man! worthy of the public Love, and the triple Cr*n which he is one Day to wear.

It is ſurmized, that if his Majeſty had not been called abroad to ſettle the Affairs of the *North*, and preſcribe Boundaries to contending Powers for the Good of *Great Britain*, this Indecency had not been permitted among us; more eſpecially, after our late Day of Humiliation to avert the impending Judgement of Heaven, which we apprehended were breaking in upon us in the two tremendous Earthquakes that awakened ſo great a Majority among us into ſuch a Remorſe of Conſcience, as to fly preſumptuouſly from the Face of God, and ſeek Shelter, from his Ubiquity and Omnipreſence, by Change of Place more than Change of Manners. Strange Infatuation! A national Reflection that has filled all the foreign Gazettes, and excited the Laughter of every Court in *Europe* againſt us. I will not preſume to impute the two terrible Shocks we have had to an immediate Warning from Heaven to repent; yet, allowing it the Event of a natural Cauſe, it was terrible and ought to have influenced us into far other Reflections than thoſe of Children running from local Chaſtiſement. But not to fall in too blindly with natural Cauſes, I would fain be reſolved by the moſt ſanguine Naturaliſt, what he thinks of the Earthquake that happened at the Paſſion of our Saviour, and many others of leſſer Conſequence ſince, that have however overwhelmed large Cities?

At the ſame Time that the Puſillanimous are intimidated into Deprecations at the leaſt Apprehenſion of Danger, they are preſumptuouſly daring when they think it paſt or remote from them. Thus the ſame People that ſcandalouſly, if not impiouſly, quitted the Town for Fear of the ſecond Earthquake, ran into the other Extreme on their immediate Return, as tho' they would attone for their Cowardice and Miſtruſt of Providence, by inſulting it with diſſolute Revels and Riotings. Conſcious of their Folly they endeavoured to impute it to the Terrors which their Dioceſan had raiſed in their Minds by his paſtoral and truly ſeaſonable Charge. This Hint catched from one to one,

and became general; insomuch, that, from the Harangues of Coffeehouse Libertines and *Grubean* Pamphlets, his Lordship became the public Butt of abusive Ridicule. Weak Men and Fools railed without ceasing, and the affected wise ones cavilled; and for what? That he had been so very rude as to disturb the Consciences of the Guilty, and frightened the Ladies? No! it was not he that disturbed them; it was the Guilt within: He was the Remembrancer 'tis true, but not the Accuser. They accused themselves, as 'tis said some Murderers have done on hearing Murder only talked of. It was not enough to make the Bishop alone the Mark of Obloquy, but they discharge their Shafts at the whole Order of the Clergy. Tho' these had preached to them long, and warn'd them of the Wrath to come, with all the Strength and Energy of Expression and Divinity; yet did one crack brain'd, ignorant Soldier effect more in a few Days, than all the whole Order could do in some Years. This poor Enthusiast promulged a Prophecy of Destruction among them, and named a peremptory Day with such an Earnestness as seldom fails to prevail on the Weak. The stupid Auditory heard, believ'd, and ran away. O Shame to Religion and common Sense!

These Receptacles of Pleasures and Provocatives to Iniquity are so numerous, that they encrease yearly about this Town. Every Season produces new Scenes of Dalliance. They are adapted to every Circumstance of Life. Even common Alehouses have their Walks, their Lamps, and their Music; so that the Inhabitants of this great City are debauched down to the very Handicraftsmen. The Clergy may preach, but they preach in vain: Admonitions have no Effect upon us. The Assistance of the Magistracy is necessary to a Reformation, and that they spare not to put the Laws in Execution, so as to compel a Regulation of Manners, and restrain the dissolute Disposition which appears so prevalent among us, and more especially in the higher Classes of Life.

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Monday the Counsel for Lord Trentham and Sir George Vandeput, finished the Westminster Scrutiny, which hath been so long depending: One side insisted Lord Trentham had a Majority of 295; the other that Sir George Vandeput had a Majority of 119. The High Bailiff thereupon adjourned to Tuesday the 15th of May, at the Portico of St. Paul's Covent Garden, to make his Return.

Monday Mr. Hogarth's subscription was closed, 1843 Chances being subscribed for. The remaining Numbers from 1843 to 2000 were given by Mr. Hogarth to the Hospital for the Maintenance and Education of exposed and deserted young Children. At Two o'Clock the Box was opened in the presence of a great Number of Persons of Distinction, and the fortunate Chance was drawn, N°. 2741, which belongs to the said Hospital. His Grace the Duke of Ancaster offered 200 l. for it before it was taken away, but the Governors refused the Money.

Friday Sir Charles Hanbury Williams, Knt. of the Bath, set out to embark on his Embassy to the Court of Berlin.

The Countess of Sinzendorff, with a great Many Germans of Distinction, is arrived here.

On Thursday last the Lord Viscount Downe was elected Knight of the Shire for the County of York, in the room of Sir Miles Stapleton, Bart. now a Commissioner of the Customs.

Last Week the Rev. Mr. William Drake, one of the Ushers of Westminster School, was appointed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Winchelsea, to be Head Master of Feltead in Essex.

On Wednesday last —— Joddrel, Esq; was appointed Standing Council to the East India Company, in the room of John Brown, Esq; deceased.

The Lords of the Admiralty have appointed Admiral Rowley to be Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Fleet, in the room of Sir Chaloner Ogle, deceas'd.

We hear that a Court Martial will soon be held for the Trial of some Sea Officers lately arrived for the Indies.

Tuesday the Right Hon. the Earl Cowper was married to the Lady Georgina Spencer, Relict of the late Hon. John Spencer, Esq; and Daughter of the Right Hon. the Earl of Granville. The Ceremony was performed at Mrs. Spencer's House in Brook-street, Grosvenor-street; after which they set out for Colegreen, the Earl's Seat, near Hertford, to consummate the Nuptials.

Monday a Tortoise weighing 476 lb. was carried up to Kew, as a present from Admiral Boscawen to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

We hear that Capt. John Fletcher, eldest Son to John Fletcher of Clea, in the County of Cumberland, Esq; died at Fort St. David's, in the East-Indies, greatly lamented by his Friends and Acquaintance; being a brave Officer. He went out with Admiral Boscawen on the Expedition.

Wednesday the Corpse of John Browne, Esq; late Member of Parliament for Dorchester, was carried from his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn, to be interred in the Family Vault near Dorchester. He has left his Fortune, which is very considerable, to his Brother, who, we hear, will be a Candidate for Dorchester in his room.

Last Week died at York, in his Way to Berwick, James Annerson, Esq; a Gentleman of a large Estate near Edinburgh, who was particularly known for exerting himself in the Royal Cause during the late Rebellion.

A few Days ago died, after a lingering Illness, the Rev. Mr. Edward Patterson, A. M. one of the Brothers of St. Catherine's near the Tower, Rector of St. Peter's at Northampton, and Chaplain of Kingsthorp and Upton, both near Northampton: The former is the Gift of the Master, and the latter three Churches is in the Gift of the Master, Brothers, and Sisters of St. Catherine's

Wednesday Night died, at his Lodgings in Cheapside, Jasper Warner, Esq; He came a few Months since from the West Indies, and was to have been married in a few Days to Miss Doddington. of Bromley, to whom he has left his Estate.

Last Thursday being the Anniversary meeting of the Treasurers and Trustees of the Charity Schools within the Cities of London and Westminster, and Parts adjacent, the Rev. Mr. Yardley, Archdeacon of Cardigan, preached a most Excellent Sermon, at Christ Church in Newgate Street: There were upwards of 5000 Children who went in Procession, and attended divine Service. After Sermon the Treasurers, Trustees and Subscribers to the said Shools dined at the Crown Tavern in Threadneedle Street. The Stewards are Slingsby Bethell, Marshe Dickinson, Esqrs. and Aldermen; Charles Gray, Esq; Thomas Trash, Esq; Charles Alexander, Esq; and Mr. Deputy Harrison.

On Tuesday Evening Mr. Hawkins, a Farmer returning from Brentford to Kingston, was near Tedington attacked by a Man well Mounted, who robbed him of his Watch and Money, and rode off towards Twickenham.

On Tuesday two Men under pretence of having Orders to repair the Chimnies of the House of Mr. Shackley in Little Britain, took the Opportunity to take a Gold Watch from out of the Room of Mrs. Gunter, a Gentlewoman that lodged there, and made off with the same undiscovered.

Wednesday an elderly Woman was committed to the Gatehouse, Westminster, for taking a Child iuto Mary le Bone Fields, stripped it naked, and afterwards tying it Neck and Heels, in order to drown it; but being observed by some Brick-makers, who were at Work in the Fields, they immediately secured her.

Monday the Sessions ended at the Old Bailey when the following Persons received Sentence of Death, viz.

Andrew Carey and Job Savage, for robbing Richard Goldington on the Highway of seven Guineas and one Shilling, near Hendon.

Thomas Lewis and Thomas May, for robbing Mr. John Matthew of two Gold Rings and two Shillings and three Pence in Money, near Pancras Church.

Benjamin Campbell Hambleton, for robbing John Mattereau of a Guinea and ten Shillings, near Pancras Church.

Capt. Edward Clark, for shooting Capt. Thomas Innes in a Duel in Hyde-Park, March the 12th. We hear that his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, has dispatched a Messenger to his Majesty, at Hanover, to procure a Pardon for this Gentleman.

Tho. Perry, for publishing a forged and counterfeit Seaman's Ticket with Intent to defraud.

William Archer, for shooting, at and wounding Anthony Higgins in Whitecross-street.

John Andrews a Soldier, for counterfeiting the current Coin of this Kingdom.

John Thrift the Hangman, for the Murder of David Farris.

John Giddis, and Henry Smith, for robbing William Hudd in Pancras Fields.

John Groves, for robbing Hannah the Wife of Thomas Jones, in St. James's Park, of a Cloth Cloak, Apron, and Handkerchief.

James Nicholson, for robbing Elizabeth Brodey of a Velvet Cloak, near Hanover Square.

Michael Nunnan, for counterfeiting the Silver Coin of this Kingdom.

Walter Vaughan, for robbing Thomas Payn of 1[illegible] on Finchley Common.

Thomas Redhead, for stealing a Gelding the prope[illegible] of Mr. Cleavey.

John Clarke, for robbing Barbara the Wife of Jo[illegible] Harrison of a Gold Ring in the King's Bench Walks.

The Rescuers, whose Sentence was deferred last Sessio[illegible] were ordered to be branded, and to be confined in Newga[illegible] for a Year.

Fifty-four were cast for Transportation, one burnt [illegible] the Hand, and three ordered to be whipt.

The next Sessions will begin on Wednesday the 2[illegible] Instant.

On Friday last at the General Quarter Sessions of [illegible] Peace held at St. Alban's for that Town and Liberty, be[illegible] the Mayor, and Thomas Gerrard, Esq; Recorder, Jo[illegible] Hayes, and James Clark, two London Gamblers, w[illegible] tried for stealing out of the Atheritone Waggon a Portma[illegible] teau the 12th of January last, as it stood in the Sarace[illegible] Inn's Yard, when after a long Trial, they were bo[illegible] found guilty, and ordered to be transported. Their Be[illegible] viour was very insolent and impudent, for when the Jur[illegible] brought them in guilty, one of them thank'd the[illegible] and said when they came back from Virginia he wo[illegible] bring them a Black; and after the Recorder had gi[illegible] Judgment, Hayes said he thank'd him, and ask'd if h[illegible] would drink, and pulled out a Bottle, drank a Dram hi[illegible] self, and offered it to the Recorder. They are to be [illegible] moved to Hertford Jail, to be tried the next Assizes fo[illegible] stealing out of the same Waggon a Portmanteau Trunk [illegible] which were Goods to the amount of 200 l.

We hear from Shrewsbury, that at the General Quarte[illegible] Sessions held for the same Town on Friday last, the Rig[illegible] Hon. Henry Arthur, Earl of Powis, was sworn in Recor[illegible] der of that Town, to the great Joy of that Corporation.

Several Vessels for the Scotch Fishery have fallen dow[illegible] the River, with several Artificers to build Forts, &c.

Wednesday came an Account, that an English Ship fro[illegible] Alexandria is taken by the Munisan Rovers, the Pash[illegible] ing bad.

The old Building at the Horse Guards is now pullin[illegible] down, in order to be rebuilt in a grand Manner, pursuan[illegible] to the Plan which had been approved some Time ago by[illegible] his Majesty.

An additional Number of Workmen are employed t[illegible] work at the New Bridge Westminster, in order to it's be[illegible] ing ready for Foot Passengers to cross over by Michaelma[illegible] next.

Letters from Newcastle mention, that as the Miner[illegible] would not continue working, the Price of Coals had ro[illegible] very considerable, insomuch that in all appearance there will be a Stagnation in that Trade for some Time.

They write from Paris, of the first Inst. N. S. that seve[illegible] ral Conferences have been held at the House of the Duke de Benthievre, High Admiral of France, at the Issue of which Expresses were dispatched to the Sea Ports, with Or[illegible] ders to fit out in all haste 18 Ships of the Line and Frigates; the Destination of which they say they are ignorant of, though its supposed this Squadron is intended for some Job in Favour in Sweden, in case of a War in the North.

They write from the Hague, that the Marquis del Puerto, his Catholic Majesty's Ambassador, went a few Days ago to the House of the President of the Assembly of the States General, to whom he delivered a Letter from his Catholic Majesty, wherein that Monarch communicated the News of the Solemnization of the Nuptials of the Infanta Dona Maria Antoinetta with the Duke of Savoy.

Letters from Hanover say, that the Mortallity amongst the Cattle, which hath made such Ravages in different Parts of that Electorate, is entirely ceased; and that a Thanksgiving Day had been appointed on that Occasion.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, April 24. They write from Glasgow, that last Week as the Rev. Mr. Hunter, Minister of Pittenen, was, on his Way to Lenerk, to serve the Edict for settling the Vacancy in that Parish, he was met by a Mob a little Way from the Town who obliged him to return, without being able to execute the Orders of that Presbytery.

We have Accounts from Glasgow, that on Friday last an Officer's Command of Colonel Herbet's Regiment having gone from thence to Paisley, by General Churchill's Order and received the Person of David David Malloch, Officer of Excise Prisoner there for killing John Fulton of Auchenbathie, in order to transport him to Edinburgh, they were attacked at the West End of the Town of Paisley by a vast Concourse of People enraged against the Prisoner, (notwithstanding the Sheriff's reading the Mob Act and using other Methods to keep the Peace) and pelted so with Stones, that some Soldiers of the last Rank faced about, and fired upon the Townsmen, killing one and wounding several others: Upon which the Rioters thought proper immediately to disperse, and the Party brought off the Prisoner, carrying him that Night to Glasgow.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

GERMANY.

Hanover, April 21, *O. S.* The King our Sovereign is juſt arrived here in perfect Health, to the inexpreſſible Joy of the Inhabitants of this City.

Vienna, April 15. An Edict of Ordonnance has lately been iſſued out, for crying down all ſuch Money as has been current under the Denomination of Groſchen, and coined by the Biſhop of Conſtance.

Warſaw, April 5. The Letters which we have receiv'd from ſeveral Ruſſian Provinces, that are ſituated neareſt to Poland, talk of nothing but of a conſiderable Body of Troops who are marching towards the Weſtern Provinces of the Empire, and particularly to that of Ingermania.

Dreſden, April 19. His Poliſh Majeſty, accompanied by the Queen ſet out Yeſterday very early in the Morning in order to go over to Warſaw, where there is to be a Senatus Conſilium on the 4th May next; after which his Majeſty will ſign the Univerſals for the Convocation of an extraordinary Dyet on the firſt of April next.

DENMARK.

Copenhagen, April 18. On the 11th his Daniſh Majeſty took a View of the Royal Docks, and ſeemed perfectly well ſatisfied with the State and Condition of our Marine.

John Sigiſmund, Count de Schulin, Knight of the Order of the Elephant, Miniſter and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Director of the German Chancery, Deputy of the College of Commerce, and Governor of the Eaſt-India Company, died on the 13th Inſt. in the 56th Year of his Age.

ITALY.

Rome, April 7. *O. S.* The Pope has juſt publiſhed an Ordinance, importing, that for the future whoever ſhall kill or wound any Perſon, ſhall not enjoy the Aſylum of the Churches; but that the Officers of Juſtice may take him out of a Church, even by Force, if there be occaſion; yet, if the Perſon wounded recovers, they ſhall then carry back the Offender to the Church from whence they took him, that he may be there ſcreened from the Vengeance of the injured Party.

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